State of the Empire 1906 Edition

IB History

**Instructions:**

You have recently been appointed to Tsar’s Special Council on Economic Development. Please review the below instructions that come straight from the desk of Tsar:

*Dear Russian Patriots,*

*The winds of war are blowing from the West! The so called “industrial nations” are threatening our great empire. While we have relentlessly been pursuing modernization, we are aware that we have not quite reached our full potential. In order to ensure that our future programs allow Mother Russia to reach its full strength, we need to assess our achievements and areas for improvement.*

*Your task is to gather evidence of the progress of our economic reforms and evaluate the socio-economic and political consequences of our industrialization. You will compile your findings into a report that includes:*

1. *Quantitative data that shows levels changes in our economy from 1861 to 1906*
2. *Testimonials from the common people that reflect how their lives have changed in the second half of the last century*
3. *An evaluation of the political climate and any anti-government agitators that might threaten our progress*
4. *Recommendations for how we might adjust our modernization going forward*

*Your report should be no longer than one page in length and should give the us a clear sense of the state of the Empire.*

*Sincerely,*

*His Royal Highness, Tsar Nicholas II*

Use pgs. 89-104 in Waller to support your report and submit it to Google Classroom when you are finished.